

Great Lakes Wind on the Water Meeting Minutes: June 11, 2008**Meeting attendees included:**

Todd Vesperman (Army Corps of Engineers, by phone), David Siebert (DNR, by phone), John Shenot, Lisa Stefanik, Lauren Azar, Dan Sage (PSC), Steve Ugoretz, Mike Cain (DNR), Katie Nekola (Clean WI), Michael Vickerman (RENEW Wisconsin), Charlie Higley (CUB), Heather Leibham (We Energies), Scott Smith (Alliant Energy) Don Peterson (MGE), Charlie Severance (WI Public Service Corporation), Flora Flygt (ATC), Mike Friis (DOA), Karen Etter Hale (Audubon Society), Richard Stadelman (WI Towns), Dave Donovan (Xcel), Tom German (BCPL)

Welcome / Announcements:

Commissioner Azar began the meeting with the group by informing them that all work groups and sub-work groups are to comply with Wisconsin's Open Meetings and Public Records Law. The Commissioner also asked anyone if anyone was unclear about these laws and if there were any clarifying questions any member wanted to ask. There were no questions.

Presentations:

Four speakers gave presentations to the group. They were as follows (presentations are available upon request):

- **Presentation:** "20% Wind Energy by 2030 and the Role of Off-Shore Wind Power", Jeff Anthony, Manager of Utility Programs, American Wind Energy Association.
- **Presentation:** "Off-Shore Wind Turbine Technology", Sandy Butterfield, Chief Engineer of NREL's National Wind Technology Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (via phone).
- **Presentation:** "Acronym Soup of Wind and Wildlife Siting Initiatives", Steve Ugoretz, DNR Office of Energy, Energy Policy Analyst
- **Presentation:** "Overview of Great Lakes Wind Collaborative", John Hummer, Project Manager

Work Group Updates:***Legal Analysis Work Group – Update provided by Commissioner Lauren Azar (PSC)***

The group will be meeting after this meeting ends and is still aiming to be on track for a presentation at our next group meeting, which will be June 23 via teleconference. The group was looking at legal substance and to identify barriers; however, the Human Environment group would like a description of the likely regulatory review process may look like. This might be best produced by the Legal Work Group.

The Human Environment Work Group – Update provided by John Shenot (PSC)

The group held its initial meeting on May 27 and discussed its charge and scope of work. The group agreed on topic issues that would go into environmental issues review, and the group divided the issues into 2 groups. Member s have self-selected further topics they wish to investigate.

The group has scheduled its next conference call and update and will be meeting on July 2 in advance of the July 7 meeting -- where the group will present its initial work.

John explained that a key challenge for the group is that it is not typical to do an environmental analysis that is not project-specific. Communication with the Engineering group and a better understanding of the specific scenarios it might be working on would result in a more focused analysis product from the Human Environment Group.

Engineering & Economics Work Group – Update provided by Dan Sage (PSC)

The work group has had its first organizational meeting, and at that meeting, the group discussed its charge and goals for its duration. The group formed four subgroups:

- 1) Constructability & Meteorology, 2) Turbine Technology, 3) Transmission and Interconnection and 4) Risk, Policy and Finance.

Groups have been developing work outlines and are dividing responsibilities and tasks.

Community Involvement – – Update provided by Mike Friis (DOA)

Mike met with Mayor Crawford after our first initial WOW meeting. After that meeting, Mike produced a document about the charges and the larger initiative of the group as a whole. The Community Work Group had its first meeting (a teleconference) on June 4. The various community representatives on the group are aiming to distribute information about the WOW group and its charge, and Mike Friis will continuously monitor and compile feedback. The report may contain an assessment of “pressure points” identified through public comment.

Public Comment:

John Walker asked about the target finish date for our work group product. He also asked when it would be appropriate for developers to comment on our work and observations. Commissioner Azar reminded the group that our target date for our draft report to go out for public comment is August 31, 2008 and indicated this public comment period was a good time for public comment on our work product.